

including at least one auxiliary interface that supports communication between the digital video recorder and the set-top box, the digital video recorder comprising:

at least one recorder interface connectable to the auxiliary interface;

a storage device;

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a microprocessor configured to control the digital video recorder and the set-top box, the microprocessor comprising an electronic program guide subsystem connected to the recorder interface to receive the electronic program guide information from the set-top box and to process the electronic program guide information to schedule recording the broadcast audiovisual data on the storage device; and

a video output interface separate from the recorder interface, the video output interface connectable to a display device.

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19. (Amended) A digital video recorder connectable to a set-top box configured to receive electronic program guide information, the set-top box including at least one auxiliary interface that supports communication between the digital video recorder and the set-top box, the digital video recorder comprising:

at least one device interface connectable to the auxiliary interface;

a microprocessor configured to control the digital video recorder and the set-top box, the microprocessor comprising an electronic program guide subsystem connected to the device interface to receive and process the electronic program guide information from the set-top box; and

a video output interface separate from the device interface, the video output interface connectable to a display device.

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21. (Amended) The digital video recorder of Claim 19, wherein the digital video recorder comprises a user viewing monitor that keeps track of and compiles a user viewing history and set of user preferences.

22. (Amended) A method for communicating electronic program guide information from a set-top box configured to receive the electronic program guide information to a digital video recorder comprising a video output interface connectable to a display device and a

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microprocessor configured to control the digital video recorder and the set-top box, the microprocessor comprising an electronic program guide subsystem, the method comprising:

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connecting at least one recorder interface of the digital video recorder to at least one auxiliary interface of the set-top box, the recorder interface separate from the video output interface and connected to the electronic program guide subsystem;

recognizing the connection of the digital video recorder to the set-top box; and

communicating the electronic program guide information from the set-top box to the electronic program guide subsystem.

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